LETTERS

FROM THE

COURTS OF PARIS, NAPLES, VIENNA, *ETC.*

July 16th.

THE Venetian senator, Prince Rezzonico, dined with me at Mr. Wilkes's *petite maison* at Kensington Gore, a most elegant box, with Messrs Woronzow and Barthelmy, and Stuart, the author of the History of Scotland, or Mary Queen of Scots, and compiler of the "English Review." In his 459th page of last month, he tells us of all the wonderful qualities requisite to make an historian, viz., "It is the gift of God: a man must be born an historian as well as a poet; it was bestowed in an eminent degree upon Livy and Tacitus, among the ancients, upon Bossuet and Vertot, among the moderns, and upon Stuart and Logan, among the living historians!"

N.B.—Logan is his colleague, and author of "Elements of the Philosophy of History."[19]